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FOR AMBASSADORS YOUNG AND MC HENRY FROM UNA

FOLLOWING REPEAT HAVANA 0499 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO LUSAKA
MOSCOW PRETORIA NOV 01.
QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L HAVANA 0499

EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SWAPO CHIEF MEETS CASTRO

1. FIDEL CASTRO HELD MEETING WITH NAMIBIAN SWAPO LEADER SAM NUJOMA, OCTOBER 29. CASTRO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY OSMANY CIENFUEGOS, SECRETARY OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. NUJOMA DEPARTED HAVANA, AFTER THREE-DAY VISIT HERE. OCTOBER 30, FOR MOSCOW TO PARTICIPATE IN CELEBRATIONS HONORING SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF BOLSHIEVIK REVOLUTION.

2. PRESS ACCOUNT OF CASTRO MEETING MERELY INDICATES THAT DISCUSSION REAFFIRMED SWAPO-CUBAN CP TIES AND SOLIDARITY OF CUBA WITH STRUGGLE OF PEOPLES OF SOUTHWEST AFRICA.

3. COMMENT: WHILE NOT OPENLY CRITICAL OF CONTACT GROUP EFFORT ON NAMIBIA, OSMANY CIENFUEGOS, IN CONVERSATION WITH USINT OFFICER, CONFIDENTIAL

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OCTOBER 26, QUESTIONED SINCERITY OF SOUTH AFRICAN INTENTION TO WITHDRAW FROM NAMIBIA. CIENFUEGOS RAISED SPECTER OF POSSIBLE SOUTH AFRICAN INTRUSION INTO ANGOLA (A POINT THAT HAS ALSO FIGURED ONCE OR TWICE IN ANGOLAN LEADERS' STATEMENTS QUOTED IN CUBAN PRESS) AND SPOKE OF UTILITY OF SWAPO ARMED STRUGGLE IN CONVINCING PRETORIA TO DEPART. JUDGING FROM OTHER REMARKS BY CIENFUEGOS, CUBANS SEE ANGOLAN SECURITY SITUATION AS CLOSELY LINKED WITH SOUTH AFRICAN

WITHDRAWAL, WILLING OR OTHERWISE, FROM NAMIBIA.
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